Removing Restrictions on Agricultural Exports

†1991. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ :

SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers on agriculture has recommended for removal of restriction on agricultural exports, to boost country's agricultural exports;

(b) if so, details of recommendations of the Group;

(c) the details of the decision taken so far in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that export limit of onion has been restricted to seven lakh tonnes; and

(e) if so, the reasons for such a restriction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Group of Ministers has made the following recommendations :—

(i) Removal of restrictions on export of wheat and wheat products, rice including basmati rice, coarse grains and butter, packaging restrictions on pulses, the procedure of registration with APEDA etc. except in the case of onion where it was decided to recommend continuance of restrictions on export with enhancement of export quota to 7 lakh tonnes per annum (2 lakh tonnes from kharif and 5 lakh tonnes from Rabi onion).

(ii) To create a system to monitor export of the commodities freed from export restrictions as recommended above; and

(iii) To recommend in-principle approval to provide WTO compatible subsidies for export of Wheat and Rice in the context of large stocks with Food Corporation of India, the detailed methodology and coverage of which will be worked out through Inter-Ministerial consultation.

(c) No decision has been taken on the recommendations, as the proposals contained therein are still at the proposal stage.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The export policy of agricultural products including onion is governed

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principally by the concerns of India's food security, maximizing farm incomes, interest of consumers, earning foreign exchange and to augment domestic availability.

Facilitating Sale of Excess Dairy Product of Karnataka

1992. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Karnataka is faced with a problem of plenty of milk; if so, the milk availability, demand and the extent of surplus milk in Karnataka, per year;

(b) whether NDDB has been requested by the Karnataka Government to help/facilitate the sale of excess dairy products;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken;

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to start a mega dairy of related industry in Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) The production of milk in Karnataka is increasing. The estimates of milk production, requirement and deficit in Karnataka during the last five years are given below :

(Quantity in 000 tonnes)

Year	Production	Requirement	Deficit
1996-97	3460	4886	1426
1997-98	3970	4956	986
1998-99	4231	5024	793
1999-2000*	4925	5091	166
2000-2001*	5106	5197	91

*Provisional.

The demand of milk is determined by various conditions like price of milk, purchasing capacity of consumers, seasonal variation of milk production due to which there is great fluctuation of demand from time to time.